

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A method for outputting text information via a display unit of a driver information system in a vehicle, the display unit having a predetermined display capacity, the method comprising:

providing text information to be output, wherein the text information includes at least one information element, the at least one information element being divided into at least two component fields, and wherein the at least two component fields include at least an information body and at least one of an information prefix and an information suffix of the information element, and wherein at least one of the information body, information prefix and information suffix having a predetermined abbreviated equivalent; and

adapting the text information to be output, depending on the predetermined display capacity of the display unit, wherein text information outputted on the display unit includes: a) full representation of the at least one information element if the predetermined display is sufficient for the full representation; and b) the abbreviated equivalent of the at least one of the information body, information prefix and information suffix if the predetermined capacity is insufficient for full representation of the at least one information element.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein the text information to be output includes a plurality of information elements, and wherein for each information element, outputting one of: a) full representation of the information element if the predetermined display is sufficient for the full representation; and b) the abbreviated equivalent of the at least one of the information body, information prefix and information suffix if the predetermined capacity is insufficient for full representation of the at least one information element.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein each component of information element is displayed on a separate line of the display unit.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein each component of information element has an abbreviated equivalent, and wherein the abbreviated equivalents

are output.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein each component of information element has an abbreviated equivalent, and wherein the abbreviated equivalents are output.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 9, wherein each component of information element has an abbreviated equivalent, and wherein the abbreviated equivalents are output.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 7, wherein each of the information body, information prefix and information suffix having an abbreviated equivalent, and wherein the text information to be outputted is adapted hierarchically, whereby outputting of full representation the information body is given highest priority.

14. (Previously Presented) A driver information system in a vehicle, comprising:

a display unit for outputting text information;

a control unit for controlling operation of the display unit; and

an information data medium coupled to the control unit and storing text information to be outputted by the display unit, wherein the stored text information includes at least one information element, the at least one information element being divided into at least two component fields, and wherein the at least two component fields include at least an information body and at least one of an information prefix and an information suffix of the information element, and wherein at least one of the information body, information prefix and information suffix has a predetermined abbreviated equivalent;

wherein the text information to be outputted is adapted depending on predetermined display capacity of the display unit, wherein the text information outputted on the display unit includes: a) full representation of the at least one information element if the predetermined display is sufficient for the full representation; and b) the abbreviated equivalent of the at least one of the information body, information prefix and information suffix if the predetermined capacity is insufficient for full representation of the at least one information element.